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SUBJECT

Deputation of certain Inspecting Officers
of the Edu Dept to ~~attend~~ Dr Gray's special
classes in American Drill in the Y M C A
Bangalore -

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correspondence between the young men's Christian
association and the Govt of India about Dr. Gray Physical
Director to the National Council of the Association and his tour
in connection with Physical Education

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

Forwarded, for information, copy of correspondence
between the Y. M. C. A. young men's Christian Association, India
and Ceylon ^{and Government} to the Govt of India about the appointment of
Dr. J. H. Gray as ^{Physical} Director for the National Council of the Association
and his tour in the Madras and certain other places including
Bangalore to study the needs and opportunities of Physical
Education

It is stated in the letter of the Association
to the Govt of India, that Dr. Gray will visit Bangalore
about September next for a fortnight's course in
Physical Education for village - Y. M. C. A. Secretaries
and definite proposals will be made to it at the Madras

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We may consult 29 as to whether ~~to~~ we might not with advantage get a few educational officers - inspecting officers, teachers, physical instructors - to attend Mr Gray's class

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In Dec^r 4 to Govt
 Dept of Edu & Agr^y

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5. Mr Callan has already
been then to see on this subject. A
select number of speaking officers
and others may be selected for

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training when Dr Gray visits
Bangalore in September. The
selected officers will have their
Queen's mess travelling allowance
and where their ^{halting} daily allowance
falls short of one rupee, one
rupee per day during the day
of their halt in Bangalore.

Dr Sharma Rao

20 July '14

On the terms on which Dr Gray will undertake
to train the officers to be selected by the I & E
Edn has to be ascertained.

Submitted for order as to whether the I & E
may be authorised to ^{further} ~~submit~~ the scheme &
submit detailed proposals ~~for~~ for the order
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submit to 5750 member

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Sub to the Secy
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8/14 formal proposals may be ~~at~~
awaited

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Mysore president's office,
Bangalore, dated 19th June 1914

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A copy of the foregoing correspondence is forwarded to
the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,-----
-----for information

MR W. A. M. S.

First Assistant President

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Letter from the General Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association, India and Ceylon, to the Hon'ble Mr. Sharp, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, dated the 20th April 1914 and the reply thereto

At the direction of our National Council I am writing to inquire whether it would be possible for the Government of India to make a grant of Rs 400 per month for a period of ten months as from March 1st, 1914, being one-third of the salary and expenses of Mr J M Gray during the time that he is to serve as Physical Director for the National Council before going abroad for furlough and further study. The remaining two-thirds of Dr Gray's budget will be provided from Young Men's Christian Associations sources

At the beginning of March Dr Gray was able to hand over his work as Physical Director of the Calcutta Y M C A and Adviser to the Government of Bengal on Physical Education to Dr C P Regard whom we have just brought out from America for this work. This enabled us to secure Dr Gray for work throughout India, until he leaves for his postponed furlough at the end of the next cold season

It is the National Council's plan to have Dr Gray make a thorough study of the need and opportunity of Physical Education in Allahabad, Lahore, Bombay, Madras and Bangalore and possibly Lucknow and Rangoon. He is already at work on his survey in Lahore and the Lahore Association is about to make application to the Punjab Government with reference to securing a Physical Director for the Punjab. As a result of Dr Gray's visit to Madras some months ago, we have received unofficial word from the Director of Public Instruction, indicating that he favours our proposal that the Madras Government and the Madras Y M C A co-operate in securing a Physical Director for Madras. A few months hence when Dr Gray visits Bangalore definite proposals will be made to His Highness the Maharaja who

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who has been conducting an enquiry as to how best to proceed in Physical Education. A trained Physical Director has already been secured by the Bombay Y M C A and the Bombay Committee is anxious to secure an extended visit from Dr Gray in order that they may profit by his experience in Bengal.

The Y M C A has recently acquired, or is about to acquire, playground sites of from one-half an acre to seven acres primarily for students and high school boys in Calcutta, Allahabad, Lucknow, Lahore, Jubbulpore, Nagpur, Poona, Bombay, Coimbatore, Trivandrum, Midnapore, and Rangoon. In order that these may be so organised as to render the largest service to the entire community we are courting on the expert advice of Dr Gray.

It is clear ~~that~~ to our Council that ~~of~~ Physical Education is to receive its proper development a considerable number of Indian Young men of Education and high ideals must be recruited and trained for physical work. The proposals which have been put forward on Dr Gray's recommendation by the Committees of the Dacca and Patna Universities and the Calcutta Technological Institute indicate the need in that direction. By means of our National Council Training school for Physical Directors we hope to begin to meet this need. Dr Gray's help in this connection will be invaluable.

Other duties which have been committed by the National Council to Dr Gray are the following -

To enquire into the feasibility of organising in other cities a Corps of Sanitary Volunteers to co-operate with the Health Officer and the Civil Surgeon similar to the Corps in the Lucknow Student Y M C A.

To edit a handbook of Games and Sports adapted for use in India combining the best in Indian and Western games.

To enquire into the feasibility of holding at Delhi an All-India Sports Meet.

To edit the Physical Department of "The Young Men of India" and to co-operate in preparing or securing general articles on Physical Education and Public Health.

To conduct at Calcutta and at Bangalore in June and September

September respectively a fortnight's course in Physical Education for village Y M C A secretaries

In view of the public character of the service to be rendered we have felt justified in asking the Government of India to contribute a third of Dr Gray's budget. At this time we are not sure whether it will be possible for us to secure a qualified man to take Dr Gray's place during his furlough. If it is, we will want to submit a supplementary application next year for a grant towards the necessary budget, otherwise we would have, I suppose, to let the grant lapse during Dr Gray's absence in the hope of renewing it on his return.

If you desire further information do not hesitate to command me.

Farnestly hoping that it may be possible for you to act favourably on this proposal.

Letter No 986 dated 3rd June 1914 from the Government of India, Department of Education, to the General Secretary, Young Men's Christian Associations, India and Ceylon, Calcutta.

With reference to your letter dated the 20th April 1914, I am directed to convey the sanction of the Government of India to a non-recurring grant of Rs 4000 during the current financial year, towards the salary and expenses of Dr ^{g^h} Gray, Physical Director for the National Council, Young Men's Christian Associations, India, and Ceylon.

2 I am to request that at the end of Dr Gray's tour in India the Government of India may be furnished with a report on the work done by him.

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Copy of letter dated 11th June 1914, from Mr C R Webster, Physical Director Y M C A to the Secretary, Mysore Economic Conference

I note with great interest a report in the Daily Post of last Saturday of the meeting of the Economic Conference which discussed the question of Physical training and organised Athletics in Schools and Taluq Headquarters

You will be interested to know that in September next a Training School is to be conducted in Bangalore for three weeks under the auspices of the National Council of the Y M C A s in India In this School particular attention will be given to the training of prospective leaders and instructors of Physical training in Schools and Colleges In addition to exercises, drills, and gymnastic work, lectures will be delivered on Physiology, Hygiene, and Physical Education Dr J H Gray who for five years has been ^{the} ~~an~~ Physical Director for the Government Schools of Bengal will be here and conduct the ~~same~~ training in this School

If you deem it likely that the Association would be able to assist the Government in any way in this important matter of physical training, either by means of this School or in any other way we shall be glad to supply further information and assist in any way possible to us
